

GIPPING RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

INTERIM REPORT
of the
ACTING MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
for the Year 1942.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Herewith my Interim Report for the Year 1942.

Statistics.

From the figures supplied by the Registrar-General follows:

Population. - The figures for the civilian population calculated
Mid-Year 1942, were 18,010.

<u>Live Births.</u> -	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	270.	144.	126.
Illegitimate	11.	3.	8.

This gives a Birth Rate of 15.5 per 1000 population.
(England & Wales 15.8).

Still Births. -

Legitimate	7.	4.	3.
Illegitimate	-	-	-

This gives a Still Birth Rate of 2.38 per 1000 population.
(England & Wales 0.54).

<u>Deaths.</u> -	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
	237.	129.	108.

Death Rate per 1000 population is therefore 13.1.
(England & Wales 11.6).

Deaths from Puerperal Causes. -

Puerperal Pyrexia & Sepsis	1.) Rate per 1000.
Other Puerperal Causes	Nil.) Live Births
	3.4

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of Age. -

All Infants per 1000 Live Births	46.2 (England & Wales 49).
Legitimate Infants per 1000 Legitimate Live Births	25.9
Illegitimate Infants per 1000 illegitimate Live Births	Nil

Deaths from Cancer (All ages).	47
Deaths from Measles (All ages).	Nil
Deaths from Whooping cough (All ages).	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age).	Nil

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1942:-

Diseases.	Total notfd.	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65-	Adm. to Hosp.	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	41		1	2	2	18	11		6		1			41	-
Whooping cough	92	6	3	8	10	10	48	7							-
Diphtheria	4		1				1			2				4	-
Erysipelas	5									3	1		1		-
Measles	6	1	1		2				1	1					-
Pneumonia	11	1	1	1			1			1	1	1	4		9
Puerperal Pyrexia	4									4					-
Ant. Poliomyelitis	2							1	1					1	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	4	4													-
Dysentery	1						1							1	
Malaria	1									1				1	
C.S.F.	1	1												1	

During the year the incidence of measles was low; scarlet fever threatened to rise, but failed to shew an upward trend, and whooping cough tailed off into a miniature epidemic.

Immunisation of children against diphtheria was continued. Below are tabulated the results of the campaign, with a calculation of the percentage of the population at these ages protected since immunisation was initiated.

	<u>Children Under 5 Years.</u>	<u>Over 5 and Under 15 Years.</u>
Course completed.	288 or 66%	264 or 85%

There were four cases of diphtheria notified during the year. In no case was it found that the patient had been previously immunised against diphtheria.

The two cases of Anterior Poliomyelitis occurred in one family, one case died at home; the other was admitted to hospital for treatment.

Tuberculosis. - The figures for the Year are tabulated below:-

Age Groups	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0-								
1-								
5-			1.	3.				
10-			2.					
15-								
20-			2.			1.		
25-	1.	1.						1.
35-	4.			(2)	1.			
45-		1.			4.			
55-	2.	1.	1.	2.		1.	1.	
65-	1.	1.				1.		

Six cases were removed during the year from the Tuberculosis Register for reasons tabulated hereunder:-

	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-pulmonary.</u>		<u>Total.</u>
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Diagnosis not established.	1.	1.	-	-	2.
Removed to other districts.	-	2.	-	-	2.
Cured.	-	1.	-	1.	2.
Cases coming into the area from other districts.	1.	1.	-	-	2.

All other Public Health matters are held over for the Post-War Survey Report as recommended by the Ministry of Health.

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